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Nordic Ware Microwave Tender Cooker 2.5 Quart Instruction Manual

Model: 62104

Important Safeguards

When using electrical appliances, basic safety precautions should always be followed, including the following:

- Read all instructions before using the Microwave Tender Cooker.
- Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles or knobs.
- Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used by or near children.
- Do not place on or near a hot gas or electric burner, or in a heated oven.
- Extreme caution must be used when moving an appliance containing hot liquids.
- Do not use appliance for other than intended use.
- Ensure the pressure release valve is clear before each use.
- Allow pressure to naturally release before attempting to open the lid.
- Do not overfill the cooker. Refer to the "Operating Instructions" section for maximum fill levels.
- This product is designed for microwave use only. Do not use on stovetop or conventional oven.

Product Overview

The Nordic Ware Microwave Tender Cooker is designed to tenderize, cook, and flavor meat, poultry, and vegetables efficiently in your microwave oven. It functions similarly to a pressure cooker, significantly reducing cooking times.

- **Capacity:** 2.5 Quarts, capable of holding up to 3 pounds of meat.
- **Dimensions:** Approximately 9.5 inches (D) x 9.5 inches (W) x 8.25 inches (H).
- **Material:** Durable Aluminum.
- **Key Features:** Microwave safe, pressure cooking functionality for tender results.

Figure 1: The Nordic Ware Microwave Tender Cooker with its lid securely closed, showcasing its compact design.

Figure 2: The cooker with its lid removed, showing the interior capacity.

Setup

Before first use, and after each subsequent use, ensure the cooker is clean.

1. **Unpack:** Carefully remove all packaging materials and labels from the cooker.
2. **Inspect:** Check the cooker and its components, especially the lid and gasket, for any signs of damage. Do not use if damaged.
3. **Initial Cleaning:** Wash the cooker and lid thoroughly with warm, soapy water. Rinse well and dry completely. Pay special attention to the rubber gasket and the pressure release valve to ensure they are free of debris.
4. **Clearance:** Ensure your microwave oven has at least 8.5 inches of clearance to accommodate the cooker.

Operating Instructions

Follow these steps for safe and effective use of your Microwave Tender Cooker:

1. **Add Ingredients:** Place your desired ingredients (meat, poultry, vegetables, and liquid) into the cooker. Do not fill more than 3/4 full to allow for pressure build-up and prevent overflow. For best results, ensure there is sufficient

liquid for steam generation.

2. **Secure Lid:** Place the lid onto the cooker, aligning the arrows or indicators for proper sealing. Twist the lid clockwise until it is securely locked in place. Ensure the rubber gasket is properly seated.
3. **Microwave Placement:** Place the sealed cooker in the center of your microwave oven.
4. **Cooking Time:** Set your microwave to the desired power level and cooking time. Cooking times will vary based on the type and quantity of food, and microwave wattage. Meats and poultry typically cook in 25-40 minutes. Start with shorter times and add more if needed.
5. **Pressure Release:** Once cooking is complete, **do not open the lid immediately**. Allow the cooker to rest in the microwave or on a heat-safe surface for 10-15 minutes to allow the internal pressure to naturally dissipate. The pressure indicator on the lid will drop when it is safe to open.
6. **Opening the Lid:** Once pressure has fully released, carefully twist the lid counter-clockwise to unlock and remove it. Be cautious of any residual steam.
7. **Serve:** Carefully remove the cooked food and serve.

Figure 3: A cooked roast with vegetables inside the Microwave Tender Cooker, demonstrating its capacity for a full meal.

Figure 4: Tender beef pieces cooked in the cooker, ready for serving.

Care and Maintenance

Proper care will extend the life of your Nordic Ware Microwave Tender Cooker.

- **Cleaning:** Hand washing with warm, soapy water is recommended for best results and to preserve the cooker's finish. The cooker is also dishwasher safe; however, if using a dishwasher, avoid the heated dry cycle as high heat can affect the material over time.
- **Gasket Care:** Always hand wash the rubber gasket separately. Ensure it is clean and free of food particles before reassembling.
- **Storage:** Store the cooker in a dry place. You may store the lid inverted on the base to allow air circulation and prevent odors.
- **Avoid Abrasives:** Do not use abrasive cleaners, scouring pads, or sharp utensils on the cooker, as these can scratch or damage the surface.

Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Cooker not building pressure.	Lid not sealed properly; insufficient liquid; pressure release valve blocked.	Ensure lid is securely locked. Add more liquid if necessary. Check and clear the pressure release valve.
Food not tender after recommended cooking time.	Insufficient cooking time; microwave power too low; too much food.	Increase cooking time. Check microwave wattage and adjust accordingly. Reduce food quantity.
Liquid leaking from cooker.	Overfilled; gasket not seated correctly; lid not sealed.	Do not fill beyond 3/4 capacity. Re-seat the rubber gasket. Ensure lid is securely locked.
Difficulty opening lid after cooking.	Pressure has not fully released.	Allow more time for natural pressure release (10-15 minutes). Do not force open.

Specifications

- **Brand:** Nordic Ware
- **Model Number:** 62104
- **Capacity:** 2.5 Quarts
- **Product Dimensions:** 9.5"D x 9.5"W x 8.25"H
- **Material:** Aluminum
- **Color:** White
- **Item Weight:** 3.6 Pounds
- **Special Feature:** Microwave Safe
- **UPC:** 011172621047 (Primary UPC from data)

Warranty and Support

Nordic Ware products are manufactured to high-quality standards. For specific warranty information or technical support, please refer to the official Nordic Ware website or contact their customer service directly.

Nordic Ware Official Website: www.nordicware.com

Customer Service: Please visit the website for contact details, including phone numbers and email addresses.

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